

# THE DAILY TELEGRAM.

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA--THE FUEL CITY OF THE FUEL STATE--MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1904.

## JAPS SINK FOUR SHIPS IN MOUTH OF HARBOR

During a Fierce Bombardment of Port Arthur Sunday Morning, but the Effort to Block the Harbor Failed After All.

Crews Were All Rescued by Japanese, but Russians Lost an Officer and Several Men and Also Had a Battleship Sunk—Bombardment Lasted for Several Hours.

By Associated Press.

Tokio, March 28.—A telegram from New Chung says that about three o'clock Sunday morning the Japanese succeeded in sinking four steamers at the mouth of Port Arthur harbor. A flotilla of destroyers conveyed steamers to the mouth and after the merchant men were sunk, rescued the crews. Later the Japanese battleships bombarded the town and its defenses.

A telegram from Chee Foo says the four steamers sunk were stone-laden and were escorted by eight torpedo boats. Russian vessels on cutting duty discovered them as they approached the Russian forts and the ships anchored in the roadstead, opened fire on them and sank them. The fate of the crews on the stone-laden vessels is not known.

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—A Port Arthur dispatch conveys the intelligence that the fresh attempt Saturday night by the Japanese to block the inner roadstead there with fire ships failed.

The Russian searchlights at one o'clock Sunday morning disclosed four large merchant steamers moving toward the entrance of the harbor, supported by a half dozen torpedo boats. The Russians opened a heavy fire on them with their batteries and some warships. The first merchant steamer was turned from her course by a Russian torpedo boat by blowing up the prow. When it boldly attacked the enemy's torpedo boats. The fight that followed was fierce and Chief Engineer Swerff, of the Russian torpedo boat and six Russian were killed, and the commander and twelve of the crew were injured.

Towards four o'clock a. m., the enemy's torpedo boats retired and the bombardment ceased. Vice Admiral Makaroff at once proceeded in a steam launch to inspect the enemy's sunken steamers.

The enemy's torpedo boats reappeared an hour later. They were sighted south of Port Arthur and the batteries reopened on them. Towards six o'clock the enemy's squadron appeared on the horizon and ours steamed out to meet it. At 6.30 the batteries opened fire. Our ships' batteries soon ceased, the Japanese drawing off to the southwest, evidently declining an engagement. At ten o'clock they disappeared below the horizon.

It is stated that one Russian torpedo boat was sunk in the engagement, but it is thought the vessel can be re-floated.

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—Captain Irkoff, of the Manchurian commissariat service, has been sentenced to twenty-five years penal servitude for selling information concerning the quartermasters department to the Japanese. He will be sent to the mines of Eastern Siberia to work out his term.

The Emperor has telegraphed orders for the decoration of officers and men of the torpedo boat destroyer Silni, with Saint George's cross, for valor in yesterday's action.

## WHITE OFFICE CLERK KILLS HIMSELF AND WIFE

WAS DESPONDENT OVER ILLNESS  
OF HIS WIFE AND FINANCIAL TROUBLES.

Tragedy Happened in Kensington, Maryland—Used a Gun to End Life of Himself and Helpmate.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., March 28.—Charles G. Forester, clerk in the White House office, shot and killed his wife and himself in Kensington, Maryland, to-day. Forester had been employed in the White House office about four years. He had shown evidence of despondency due to the illness of his wife and to financial troubles.

## DIED IN DEPOT

Weston Lady Passes Away at Camden Station As She Was Starting Home.

Shortly after arriving at Camden Station, Baltimore, en route to her home in West Virginia, Miss Judith Christian became ill and died a few minutes later in the arms of her sister.

Miss Christian was born in Weston, this state, thirty-six years ago, but for some time past had been residing in Baltimore boarding at 1114 Madison avenue. About three weeks ago Miss Christian became ill with the grip and was removed to the Church Home Infirmary, North Broadway, where she remained until several days ago, when her sister, Miss Mary Christian, arrived from Weston. Being much improved, Miss Christian decided to go to her home Saturday, and, in company with her sister and Dr. Frank Flannery, of Mount Hope Retreat, Baltimore county, she started for Camden Station. The depot was reached about three o'clock, and Miss Christian died a few minutes later.

## NEWSPAPER CARRIER BOYS

Will Be Given a Trolley Ride and an Easter Egg Hunt at Union Land Park Next Saturday Afternoon by Mrs. W. H. Jacobs.

Mrs. W. Harrison Jacobs, of 166 West Pike street, has issued invitations to the carrier boys employed on the Daily Telegram and the Clarksburg Daily News for a trolley ride and Easter egg hunt, Saturday, April 2, at Union Land Park.

Many dozen of the finest candy eggs purchased at Swager's, will be hidden in the park. Among the number will be a beautiful prize egg. The boys are looking forward to the day with a great deal of pleasure and anticipate a grand time.

## "THE FATAL WEDDING" COMING HERE AGAIN

The next attraction at the Trader-Grand Opera House after "The Beauty Doctor," which appears to-morrow night will be that well known melodrama "The Fatal Wedding." It has been booked for appearance next Thursday night and will be seen by the advertisement elsewhere in this issue. The success of this soul-stirring drama has been so great that it is a source of wonder to every one interested in current theatricals.

## WILL CONFERR DEGREES ON SEVERAL CANDIDATES

Several candidates will be given the degrees at the regular meeting of Hermann Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., to be held in Masonic hall to-night. All members of the lodge are urged to be present.

## HOME WEDDING

OCCURS BY WHICH TWO POPULAR  
YOUNG PEOPLE ARE UNITED  
IN SACRED BONDS FOR LIFE.

Mr. Russell Fowkes and Miss Florence E. Core Are the Happy Young Couple—Wedding Takes Place at Bride's Parents' Home.

The marriage of Mr. William Russell Fowkes and Miss Florence E. Core was solemnized at the residence of the bride's parents in the Wine addition to the city, at 2.30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The officiating clergyman was Rev. S. K. Arbuthnot, pastor of Goff Methodist Episcopal church. The ceremony was performed in the presence of only members of the family and a few close friends and relatives, it being a quiet home wedding.

Shortly after the ceremony, the bride and groom, accompanied by a few friends, drove to the depot, where the happy young couple boarded the train for Buckhannon, where they will spend their honeymoon with the parents of the bridegroom and other relatives.

Mr. Fowkes is the son of ex-Sheriff and Mrs. W. P. Fowkes, of Buckhannon, and a member of the clerical force at the wholesale house of Armstrong, Crisp, Day & Company, of this city. He was associated with the Ruhl-Koblegard company for several years and went with his present employers when they purchased the interests of the latter company. He is a competent young business man with great thrift and enterprise and has a personality so magnetic that every one is his warm personal friend.

Mrs. Fowkes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Core, and possesses all the charms and virtues of lovely young womanhood. She is very popular among her many friends and acquaintances and numbers many admirers. For quite a while she has been employed in the central office of the Bell Telephone Company, in which position she won many friends by her attentiveness to the business and the obliging manner in which she attended to the matter of giving the many patrons prompt service.

The young couple are very popular and most worthy and a host of friends join the telegram in heartiest congratulations and wish that the future may be one continual period of conjugal bliss material prosperity and infinite happiness.

## FUNERAL OF MR. BENEDUM.

The funeral of Charles V. Benedum, formerly of Bridgeport, took place Saturday afternoon at one o'clock from the M. E. church, at Cameron. The services at the church were conducted by Rev. J. B. Jones, the church being crowded to overflowing. Many persons were there from other towns, delegations of K. of P. lodges were present from Moundsville, Wheeling, Fairmont, Huntington and other places, as were also numerous members of the Masonic fraternity. The deceased was a past grand commander of the West Virginia grand lodge, K. of P., and the services at the grave were beautiful ritual rites of that order. The floral offerings were numerous and handsome, especially those of the K. of P. lodge and Masonic lodge of which the deceased was an honored member. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in that place. Interment was at Cameron cemetery.

## BURTON IS GUILTY

Jury in the Case of the United States Senator Brings in a Verdict of Guilty.

By Associated Press.

St. Louis, Mo., March 28.—The jury in the case of Senator Burton, of Kansas, charged with receiving fees from the Rialto Company to protect it before the post office department, found him guilty to-day. The punishment is to be decided by the court. A motion for a new trial will be heard to-morrow.

By Associated Press.

Kansas City, Mo., March 28.—A special from Topeka says the lawyers regard the conviction of Senator Burton as an immediate vacation of his seat.

## POMEROY BOUND OVER TO CIRCUIT C

Dudley Pomeroy, who was arrested at Salem Friday evening last by constables on a warrant charging him with the illegal sale of intoxicants within the prohibitory distance of a place of public worship, appeared before Magistrate S. W. Gordon Monday morning, waived a examination and gave bond of \$200 for his appearance at the next term of circuit court.

## DISTANCE TALKING

May Now Be Indulged in Since Connections Have Been Made at Wheeling by Telephone Systems.

The Wellsburg Home Telephone Company has made connections with the independent system at Wheeling and by it Clarksburg now has some splendid connections over the Consolidated company's lines. By this connection Clarksburg people are enabled to talk to Waynesburg, Pa., Steubenville, Cleveland, Akron, East Liverpool, Wellsville Youngstown Canton and a score of other Ohio cities and towns covering a radius of several hundred miles and including cities whose aggregate population exceeds 300,000. It is an improvement that will be highly appreciated by the business public and will prove of great convenience in the transmission of messages and the dispatch of business.

## MANEUVERS AT BULL RUN

Will Be Participated in by the West Virginia National Guard, According to Major Corbin's Plan.

Washington, March 28.—Major General Corbin has the plans for the annual maneuvers of forty thousand regulars and national guardsmen on the Bull Run battlefield, beginning on September 25. There will be six thousand regulars and the national guard of New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia, North Carolina, Maryland, Delaware New Jersey and Connecticut. The farmers of Manassas Junction Va., will get fifteen cents per acre for the privilege of using their fields.

## TELEPHONE EXCHANGE MOVED.

The Consolidated Telephone Company has completed the removal of its central office from the Despard block on South Third street, to the Irwin building on the corner of West Pike and South Third streets. It is now located in room 21, on the third floor of that building, where the "hello" girls are answering calls as usual, except that the connections in the city have not been made, but that work is being rushed as speedily as possible.

## WHO IS IT?

A young gentleman, well and favorably known in this city will leave shortly for Virginia to claim a beautiful and charming young lady as his bride. He is as present in charge of the bookkeeping department of a business concern in the Moore building, on Third street, coming here from Virginia about a year ago to accept that position. The Telegram reporter is sworn to secrecy and cannot say anything about it as yet.

## APRON SALE AND BAZAAR WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL

The apron sale and bazaar held in the old Rothstein store room in the Wald hotel building Saturday afternoon and night by the ladies of Christ Episcopal church was very successful and beyond all expectations. Everything was sold out early in the evening. The proceeds amounted to nearly seventy dollars which sum will go to the church fund.

## BAND WILL VISIT MANY WEST VIRGINIA CITIES

The Clarksburg Opera House Band is holding two rehearsals a week as the opera house practicing new music for the summer season. Leader John Shim says the band is getting in fine shape. Several important engagements have been booked for the season and the band will visit several cities and towns of the State to fulfill them.

## GOES TO KENTON.

D. R. Lucas, of the Kenton Iron Company, of Kenton, Ohio, who has been superintending the construction of the iron cell work in the new jail building, left Monday morning for Kenton. William Tetlow will act as superintendent of the work during Mr. Lucas' absence. The cell work in the jail is rapidly nearing completion.

## CHILD IS AN EPILEPTIC.

The five-year-old daughter of Mr. Wilkins, who runs the Oak pool room, has been pronounced an epileptic and will likely be sent to the Home for Incurables at Huntington. Humane Officer Benjamin Brown is working on the case with that end in view.

## ASSISTS ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

Robert R. Koblegard is temporarily assisting Alton C. Orr, the assistant general manager of the West Fork Oil and Natural Gas Company.

## CUTTING SCRAPE

OCCURS ON MONTICELLO AVENUE, IN WHICH SAMUEL COVINGTON USES RAZOR.

Slashed J. W. Boram, of Weston, Across the Arm and Down the Back—Warrant Issued Against Him and Bond of \$500 Required.

J. W. Boram, of Weston, accompanied by a lady, was walking on the sidewalk on Monticello avenue Saturday evening just a little before five o'clock and in some way got mixed up with some of the colored people in that section, especially with Samuel Covington, and as the result, he was slashed with a razor or some other sharp-bladed instrument. He went before Squire James N. David and complained against Covington. The magistrate issued a warrant for Covington, charging him with felonious cutting. Samuel, however, wanted to confess, but the magistrate declined to permit him to do so.

According to Covington's story, he with other colored people was standing on the sidewalk, when Boram came along and brushed up against him, knocking him off the walk. He arose, thinking the boys in the crowd had done it and laughed it off, but they told him the white man did it. Covington then followed Boram and overtook him and asked him what made him do it. He replied that no damn nigger could shove him off the walk and then hit Covington across the shoulder with an umbrella.

Boram says Covington cut him across the left arm near the shoulder with a razor, making a gash two inches long and slashed him down the back, cutting a long gash in his coat and barely touching the skin with the blade of the razor. There is no doubt about Boram having been injured as Dr. Ramsey sewed the gash up later in the evening.

Covington gave bond of \$800 to appear for a preliminary hearing before the justice Tuesday.

Monday forenoon an additional warrant was sworn out for Covington by Boram. This warrant charges him with carrying concealed deadly weapons unlawfully. He will likely be given a hearing on this charge at the same time the other is investigated.

## NO CLOUDS NO DUST

Is the Order of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in Operation of Pittsburg Furnaces.

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 28.—The State Supreme Court to-day directed an injunction to be issued perpetually against the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, of Pittsburg, so as to produce clouds of dust, damaging surrounding property.

## BANKER HAS THE MUMPS.

Samuel R. Harrison, cashier of the Merchants National Bank, is confined to his home on East Main street. He has the mumps and is in rather bad shape to-day. William H. Lewis, assistant cashier, is acting as cashier in Mr. Harrison's absence.

## ASPARAGUS CROP IS HALF DESTROYED

By Associated Press.  
San Francisco, Cal., March 28.—Half the asparagus crop of the State has been destroyed by recent floods in the Sacramento valley. Canneries will have no material.

## ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CHURCH

"Christ, the Risen King," will be presented by the choir of the First Presbyterian church, assisted by a number of the best singers of the city, under the direction of D. Gilbert Johns, the author will be given in the church April 5, at eight o'clock at night. Tickets can be purchased from the choir members at twenty-five cents a piece.

## RECRUITS ACCEPTED.

Sergeant Hawthorne, of the local recruiting station, has accepted Alva D. Weaver, of Clentown, and W. M. Goff, and Wallace S. Goff, of Beechwood, for the infantry service and George P. Weidner, of Weston, for the coast artillery. Those of the infantry service will go to Columbus, Ohio, and the other to New York. Clarence C. Smith was rejected at the instance of his mother.

## WIRE GOODS PLANT BURNS.

By Associated Press.  
Jackson, Mich., March 28.—The plant of the Brownell Brush and Wire Goods Company, of Cincinnati, connected with the state prison here, burned to-day.

## FLOODS EVERYWHERE CAUSE GREAT SUFFERING

Twenty-five Hundred Houses Flooded in Michigan and Twenty-five Thousand Acres Covered in Indiana With all Houses Deserted.

Flood in New York State Stops Trains on the New York Central Railroad—Waters Receding at Indianapolis but Rising at Other Points Near There.

## AMPUTATION

Of a Limb Was Necessary to Save the Patients Life—Affliction the Result of Typhoid Fever.

A man named McKutner, was brought to Kessler hospital Sunday night from O'Neil coal mine, west of Wilsonburg. The authorities there amputated his left leg just above the knee that night to save his life. Six years ago he had typhoid fever and one of the results was an affliction of the leg. A year ago he grew worse and the past several months he has suffered from a running sore. The affliction became so serious that amputation was absolutely necessary.

## CHARTER RECORDED.

The W. M. Osburn Company, which incorporated some time ago with an authorized capital stock of \$30,000, had its charter recorded in the county clerk's office Monday. The incorporators are W. M. Osburn, Hugh Jarvis, H. Clay Ogden, J. W. Gordon and Paul M. Robinson. The company is empowered to run a general merchandise store and to engage in handling real estate.

## PENSION BILLS PASS.

Washington, March 28.—The following pension bills have passed the Senate: John Maynard, Kiahsville, Va., \$10 per month; Larkin Maynard, Queen's Ridge, Va., \$12 per month; Thomas R. Moore, Breeding, W. Va., \$12 per month; Mattie Tien, Sherman, W. Va., \$12 per month and John W. Plattenburg \$12 per month.

## LARGE NUMBER WILL SEE "THE BEAUTY DOCTOR"

There will be a large turnout at the opera house Tuesday night to see "The Beauty Doctor," if anything can be judged from the advance sale of seats. The play was opened at C. D. Sturm's drug store Monday morning and quite a large number of tickets were sold. Persons who have seen the show say it is an excellent one.

## TRAINMAN'S FOOT CRUSHED.

No. 12 passenger train had a run-in in the Grafton yards Sunday night. A wrong switch was thrown and the passenger train collided with a switch engine, pushing the tender jam-up and the foot of a trainman, who was standing on the apron was crushed. This was the only injury and the damage done to the train was trivial.

## INITIATE FIVE CANDIDATES.

Clarksburg Council, No. 28, United Commercial Travelers, held a very interesting meeting in the council rooms in the Rookery building Saturday night. Five candidates were initiated into the order. The next meeting of the council will be held next Saturday night. The regular monthly meeting night.

## ROCKY RIVER A BLAZING STREAM FOR NINE MILES

PIPE LINE UNDER THE RIVER  
BREAKS AND MOVING STREAM  
OF FIRE FOLLOWS.

Hundreds of People Fight the Flames to Save Towns Along the River of Flame—Whole Country Illuminated.

Berea, Ohio, March 28.—The Standard Oil Company's 12 inch pipe line broke at Liverpool, near here, under Rocky

By Associated Press.

Princeton, Ind., March 28.—The White and Wabash rivers are rising at the rate of one inch an hour and are nearly up to the high water mark of 1890. All the low lands in this section are depopulated and there is much suffering from exposure to the weather.

By Associated Press.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 28.—The river has become stationary. Twenty-five hundred houses are in water with some twelve feet deep.

By Associated Press.

Utica, N. Y., March 28.—Owing to the flood the New York Central railroad company can not use a single line east of this city. Trains run over the West Shore, from Hoffman's to this place.

By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 28.—The White river receded rapidly to-day. The power house of the street car company and the water works resumed operations this forenoon. The crest of the Wabash rise is above Sullivan, where 25,000 acres are under water. At Vincennes the levees have given away and all bridges are closed. The crest of the flood will reach there to-morrow.

By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 28.—Reports from cities on the White River and its tributaries, place the estimate of the flood damage north of here at a million dollars. One fourth of this is in Madison county. Peru and Muncie report a thousand dollars each.

## NEW BANK AT PENNSBORO

First National Will Commence Business There in a Few Days—Hotel and Bank Building Will be Erected.

The new First National Bank of Pennsylvania will open its doors for business within the next few days. The stockholders of the institution have held their first meeting and elected the following on the board of directors: E. M. Carver, Creed Collins, M. M. Lambert, Richard Wanless and L. P. Wilson. Officers were elected as follows: Creed Collins, president; M. M. Lambert, and L. P. Wilson, vice-presidents and E. M. Carver, cashier. The incorporation is capitalized with an authorized capital stock of \$25,000. It is the intention of the men comprising it to erect a three-story building in Pennsboro this year in which the bank and a hotel will be located.

## NEWS STANDS CONSOLIDATE.

The Pike News Company has consolidated its Traders news stand with its Pike street news stand in the Huch building. The change was made Monday morning. D. S. Guthrie, night clerk at the Traders hotel, had charge of the Traders news stand and ran it very successfully.